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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

REF: A) STATE 189419 B) STATE 193847 C) STATE 195596

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY PRESENTATION MADE AUG 15 ON BASIS
REF A, MITI ADVISED THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH FONOF
CABLE HAD BEEN SENT AUG. 18 TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON
INSTRUCTING IT TO PREPARE TO DEPARTMENT THAT TEXTILE TALKS
BE HELD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 IN TOKYO. UPON RECEIPT REF B
EMBOFFS AGAIN MTET WITH KURODA, HANAOKA (GOTO'S REPLACEMENT
AS COUNCILLOR TO CONSUMER GOODS INDUSTRIES BUREAU), AND OTHER
MITI OFFICIALS CONCERNING DEPT'S SUGGESTION OF HOLDING
INFORMAL TALKS SEPT. 9 OR 10 PRECEDING
FORMAL SESSION LATER IN SEPTEMBER. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITHIN
MITI RE THIS PROPOSAL, KURODA INFORMED EMBASSY AUG.
19 THAT MITI AGREEABLE TO HOLDING TALKS WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 8 IN TOKYO BUT HOPES THEY CAN BE HELD WITH
AIM OF REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
PROLONGING THE TALKS A FEW DAYS IF NECESSARY. KURODA
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ADDED THAT MITI HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED THIS SCENARIO
WITH FONOFF AND THEREFORE THE PROPOSAL FOR WEEKEND OF SEPT.
22 STILL STANDS OFFICIALLY.

2. MIKI CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS ON
REMOVAL OF SYNTHETIC YARN QUOTAS FROM TEXTILE AGREEMENT
AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE (PRESUMABLY IN ORDER TO
HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR THE DIET SOON AFTER IT RECONVENES),
AND KURODA THUS APPEARS TO HAVE SEIZED UPON
REF B PROPOSAL AS OPPORTUNITY FOR MOVING UP THE TALKS.
HE MENTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT IF SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT
REACHED EARLY IN SEPTMEBER, TECHNICAL POINTS COULD BE
LEFT FOR A LTER SESSION. KURODA ALSO APPEARS ADAMANT
ABOUT TOKYO AS VENUE FOR NEXT SESSION. (IN AUG 19
CONVERSTATION WITH EMBOFF, HE PLEADED SHORTAGE OF GOJ
TRAVEL FUNDS AS REASON FOR MEETING IN TOKYO IN ADDITION
TO PREVIOUS ASSERTIONS RE PREOCCUPATION OF JAPANESE
FOREIGN SERVICE OSTs IN U.S. WITH IMPERIAL
VISIT AND MINISTRY JURICH'S AGREEMENT LAST SPRING
TO HOLD SEPTEMBER ANNUAL REVIEW IN TOKYO.) HE SAID
GOJ WOULD TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION TO PRESERVE CON-
FIDENTIALLY OF MEETING.
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